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## IT WILL BE GLORIA MOLINA vs. ART TORRES IN FEB. 19 RUNOFF FOR L.A. CO. BOARD OF SUPES.

It could have been a combo of any two of the four serious contenders, but when the unofficial vote count was added up Jan. 22, L.A. Councilwoman Gloria Molina finished on top of a 9 candidate field with 34.58% of the vote in the battle to become L.A. Co.'s first Hispanic member of the Bd. of Supes in this century. The runner-up was State Sen. Art Torres(D), who got 25.71%. The runoff will be Feb. 19. Regardless of who wins, the L.A. Co. Bd. of Supes will be controlled by a LIBERAL majority. That's the key meaning of the Jan. 22 vote...

...Sarah Flores, a former top deputy to retiring L.A. Co. Sup. Pete Schabarum, was third with 20.48% and State Sen. Charles Calderon(D-Montebello) was fourth with about 15.86%. There were 5 others in the race who got a combined total of 4%...

...The third place finish for Flores was a major disappointment, not only for her, but for two of the conservative supervisors who backed her campaign, Supes Mike Antonovich and Deane Dana. Last June Flores finished first in the primary to replace Schabarum. But a federal judge threw out those results and ordered a new election in this new 1st district, saying the 1980 remapping discriminated against the large Hispanic population in the area...

...Conventional wisdom all along suggested that the candidates who put together the best AB and grassroots program would make the runoff. By all accounts, Molina and her chief consultant, Pat Bond, did a great job. There were 79,176 total votes, of which 25.7% were via the absentee ballot. This percentage could go higher because there were a total of 35,469 AB ballots requested --- meaning there could be another 15,000 ABs still uncounted. The voter turn-

out was 21.3%, which was somewhat higher than expected...

...Another part of the conventional wisdom was that Flores would make the runoff, but that was before Calderon entered the picture. His moderate-to-conservative message pulled votes away from Flores. Now the big question is who picks up the votes of those who supported either Flores or Calderon? Another question surrounds the role of L.A. County's labor movement. They were unified behind the Torres campaign, but now that it is assured there will be a new majority of liberal board members, can organized labor afford to offend Molina, who is now the undisputed FRONTRUNNER? Sources say she was fairly miffed when labor snubbed her candidacy in favor of Torres. Stay tuned...

## CALPEEK GOES TO WAR - PART II: WHITE HOUSE POLITICS & CA SENATE RACES IMPACTED BY WAR.

Editor's note: The War of the Persian Gulf is now entering its 2nd week and observers are still trying to assess the political impact of this conflict between the U.S.-led allies and Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces. Here's Part II of our analysis on how this war may impact Calif. politics, especially the link between presidential politics and CA's two U.S. Senate contests...

• POTOMAC FEVER - The most critical event in terms of 1992 White House politics took place a few days after the Nov. 6th election. That's when Pres. George Bush announced a doubling of U.S. forces in Saudi Arabia and essentially put the U.S. on a course for war. Whether this decision works out remains to be seen, but until that announcement, insiders felt Pres. Bush was in deep political trouble, with the GOP having lost key races in 1990 --- some say because the White House sent out confused signals on TAXES and the budget...

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...But armed conflict has a way of changing things. Insiders now think there's a whole new ballgame and some GOPers now have that Top Gun Feeling. If you believe the polls, support for the war and Pres. Bush's policy is running between 80-90%. In other words, Bush's foreign policy is now recapturing ground previously lost because of major blunders on domestic policy...

...As for Demos with Potomac Fever, they are now in a wait-and-see position, because it is still unknown how the war will end. However, one thing now seems very obvious: it is doubtful that SANCTIONS would have ever forced Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait. If his war policy is successful (in other words, the cost in lives is within acceptable limits) then Bush's political stock in 1992 will be BULLISH. This is why there are no Demos walking around Iowa a year before the big caucus vote...

- U.S. SENATE RACES - Assuming the U.S. war policy is successful, the impact on the two Calif. senate races could be very significant. All of the congressional Republicans who are looking at these two seats, including new U.S. Sen. John Seymour, supported the resolutions giving Pres. Bush the authority to use force...

...As for the congressional Demos who want to run for the senate, two sided with the President, U.S. Reps. Mel Levine and Tom Lantos, while U.S. Reps. Barbara Boxer and Bob Matsui voted for longer sanctions. Of these four, Matsui has declared his intent to run for the full-term/Cranston seat, while Boxer has not said which seat she'll seek. Levine and Lantos are still exploring, although CALPEEK sources say Levine is moving close to jumping IN...

...The split among these House Democrats is somewhat reflective of the way CA Demos generally feel about the decision to go to war at this time. As several CALPEEK sources have noted, the coalition which rallied against the Vietnam War ISN'T the same this time. What's the key difference now? In one word, ISRAEL...

...Although a vote FOR the Michel/Solarz Resolution was NOT considered a key litmus test in terms of support for Israel, CA's large Jewish community may have long memories when it comes to 1992 - given the SCUD

missile attacks on Israel...

...In this respect, Sen. Seymour may now have an issue he can use against former S.F. Mayor Dianne Feinstein, who has announced her intent to challenge Seymour next year. Although she has a long record of support for Israel, in an interview with S.F. Chronicle reporter Jerry Roberts, DiFi said she preferred sanctions to war. Some CALPEEK sources thought she might have made a mistake in her first foreign policy statement in not being more hawkish...

...Bottomline: IF Seymour gets by the June 1992 GOP primary, it will then be possible for Seymour to run WITH Pres. Bush, instead of running an independent campaign — and that could even things up. Stay tuned...

#### CALPEEK's JERRY BROWN WATCH: WHAT NEXT???

A few weeks ago CALPEEK reported that CA's former governor wanted to stay on as the chair of the CA Demo Party and to use that platform to replace Ron Brown as DNC chair in 1992. Next Jerry Brown himself seemed to launch some sort of media effort aimed at a possible run for one of two U.S. Senate seats here in Calif. And for a while Brown was even thinking of running for chairman of the Assn. of State Democratic Chairs(ASDC). However, CALPEEK sources say Louisiana Demo Party chair Jim Brady is the favorite to win that job over Larry Yatch of Pennsylvania. The next DNC meeting is set for March 21-23 in Wash. D.C., some 20 days after the annual CA Demo Party convention, Mar. 1-3, at the Oakland Convention Center. Stay tuned...

#### IS ASSEMBLYMAN ROOS PLANNING TO LEAVE POST?

CALPEEK sources confirm that L.A. Demo Assemblyman Mike Roos has been approached to take a lucrative job as head of a major educational foundation in L.A., whose task is to seek ways to improve the huge L.A. School District. If Roos, who is the Assembly Speaker Pro Tem, were to take the new job, it would again set up another special election. Some sources say Roos will make an announcement very soon. A number of CALPEEK sources say it's a done deal. Why would Roos take this new job? Possibly to place himself in a better position to run for mayor of L.A. in 1993. Stay tuned...

# WESTERN STATES LEGISLATURES LEANING DEMO.

Although CA political insiders are aware of the results of last year's election on the Calif. State Legislature, what about the rest of the West? According to the Council of State Govts.(Western States Report), election results in the 13 Western States show Demos now have control of 7 State Senates (compared to just 4 in 1988). The GOP picked up one lower house and now control a total of 6. Demos control lower Houses in Alaska, CA, Hawaii, Montana, NV, NM and Washington. The GOP controls AZ, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming. In the Senate, Demos now have AZ, Calif., Hawaii, Montana, NV, NM and Oregon. The GOP controls Colorado, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Alaska and Utah are tied...

...In terms of starting the reapportionment process, sources say the Demos, who control the remapping committees, are beginning to negotiate with some Republican lawmakers on drawing new lines. The Demos are said to "light years" ahead of the GOP when it comes to staff who understand the technical aspects of reapportionment. In other words, the GOP doesn't have a Henry Olsen this time. Demo staffer Bill Cavala is in charge of the Assembly remap, while Tim Hodson handles the State Senate remap...

# FIELD ALMOST SET IN 26th A.D. SPECIAL RACE.

The special election in the 26th A.D. is now set for Mar. 19, the same day as the 2 State senate district specials in the 1st & 35th districts. As it stands now, it looks like there will be 3 serious Demos and 1 serious Republican contender for Pat Johnston's seat...

# IF THERE IS A COURT-ORDERED CENSUS RECOUNT, SOURCES SAY CALIF. COULD GET 8 HOUSE SEATS.

Up to this point, the conventional wisdom has been that when all is said and done, Calif. should end up with 7 new seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. But as most CALPEEK reader know, the CENSUS is under considerable fire from a number of States (especially Eastern States), who claim there was an undercount in some of the big cities. There has even been that charge here in Calif...

...The Demos include Patti Garamendi, wife of CA Insurance Comm. John Garamendi; Stockton Councilwoman Loralee McGaughey (pronounced McGoy); and longtime political activist Dario Marengo. Johnston is staying neutral in this race. Garamendi, who pumped a small fortune into her unsuccessful primary with Johnston late last year to replace her husband in the 5th S.D. special, recently moved into the 26th district. She's again expected to use her personal wealth to finance this new campaign. McGaughey has hired political consultant Paul Kinney to run her campaign...

...If there was an undercount, and a court case goes AGAINST the U.S. Secretary of Commerce (the department responsible for the census), then Calif. could end up with about 600,000 more in the census count. And that would result in an 8th seat for Calif...

...On the GOP side, PA/campaign consultant Dean Andal of Stockton has already declared for the 26th and has picked up the endorsement of former GOP Congressman Norm Shumway and new U.S. Rep. John Doolittle(R). Dr. Robert Westafer and Brad Keaster, who ran against Johnston last year, are also eyeing the race. Stay tuned...

...While CALPEEK sources think it is doubtful there will be an 8th seat for Calif., they also say there's little doubt that census takers missed lots of people...

# L.A. POLITICS SUBJECT OF L.A. PAOA LUNCH.

L.A. Times political columnist Bill Boyarsky will kickoff the 1991 year as the guest speaker Jan. 30 for the L.A. Public Affairs Officers Assn. 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, Sunset Room at the Tower Restaurant in L.A. RSVPs to Diana Lopez at (818)302-1990. Paul Shay Jr. of SCE is the 1991 chairman of LAPAOA...

...Where will the 7 new House seats be located? Best guess by CALPEEK sources is that No. Calif. will get 2-plus seats and So. Calif. will get 4-plus seats. In No. Calif., the best shots for new seats are in the Central Valley, along the Central Coast and in the Bay Area (perhaps the Silicon Valley area). In So. Calif., the best guess is there will be new seats in the Inland Empire, southern Orange Co., San Diego County and a new L.A. County seat...



GARAMENDI'S NEW TEAM HAS PRO-CONSUMER LOOK.

Expectations are high that new Calif. Insurance Comm. John Garamendi's new staff at the Dept. of Insurance will be able to restore consumer confidence. Garamendi has restructured the department and most importantly, has added people who really know how Prop. 103 is supposed to work...

...Richard Baum has been named chief deputy in charge of Operations (which covers administration, financial, legal, fraud and licensing functions). Steve Miller, the former exec. director of ICAN (Insurance Consumer Action Network), has been appointed as deputy commissioner for Rate Regulations and for implementing Prop. 103. Masako Dolan is the new deputy commissioner for policy and will handle legislation, research and special projects. And Tom Epstein, who was Garamendi's COS, will be a deputy commissioner for Communications & Consumer Protection. Miller and Epstein will be based in L.A., Dolan in Sacto and Baum in S.F...

...But the key to putting real teeth into enforcing Prop. 103 is a good legal staff. So Garamendi has hired Michael Strumwasser and Fredric Woocher to represent the department in all matters concerning Prop. 103. These guys handled Prop. 103 matters for the CA Dept. of Justice under John Van de Kamp and intervened on behalf of consumers in numerous proceedings during the past two years. Stay tuned...

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"WEEK IN REVIEW" CABLE SHOW UNDER ATTACK.

The City of L.A.'s department which regulates cable TV is giving Century Cable TV's popular "Week In Review" show a hard time. How hard? Ten days ago Century was fined \$500 for airing the show on Channel 3 --- a channel that includes both public access and other programming. The city says Chn. 3 is for PUBLIC ACCESS only. However, Chn. 3 has always been a "mixed" channel, according to Century Cable's Bill Rosendahl, who is the producer-host of Week In Review. Is the city's attack on Week In Review a case of a bureaucracy trying to flex too much muscle? Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook:

- Jim Bartell has joined the San Diego based political and GA consulting firm, The Primacy Group, as a principal...
- Billy Rutland has left the Assembly for a lobbying job with George Steffes...
- Anne Louise Rice, an asst. AE with Cerrell Associates in L.A., named co-chair of Women In Public Affairs(WIPA)...
- William Ihle promoted to VP of Communications with Beverly Enterprises at Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Ihle was press sect. to CA Health Dir., Dr. Ken Kizer, before joining Beverly...

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